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be possible to pay such Pandits on Grade I scales. We shall watch how it works and even if that should create any difficulties, we shall then examine the position a little later.''

SRI Y. MAJAYA SHETTY :—'' Sir, in view of the policy of the Government to encourage Hindi as a National Language, may I request the Government to consider the cases of these Pandits sympathetically and grant them First Grade scales? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' It is because we want to encourage Hindi, that we want to utilise these Pandits properly; they should not be appointed and left without work in the high schools.''

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—'' Will the Government consider the question of making Hindi compulsory for study in the schools so that this problem can be solved? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I do not think making the study compulsory will solve that problem.''

(The Hon. Minister Sri B. Parameswaran had by then come to the House.)

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Shall we now take up the first question? ''

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' Yes, Sir, it may be taken. I am sorry for the delay.''

Scholarships to Harijans and Backward classes.

* 1432 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of scholarship forms printed at the Government Press, Madras, on the requisition of the Director of Harijan Welfare in the year 1953 for the use of Harijans and Backward classes;

(*b*) the number of forms actually issued by the Director of Harijan Welfare and the District Welfare Officers; and

(*c*) the number of scholarships granted?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.''

SRI A. RATNAM :—" மேஜையின்மேல் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் விவரங்களின்படி 83 ஷெட்யூல் வகுப்பினர்களுக்கும் 69 பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பினர்களுக்கும் நான்-ரெஸிடென்ஷீயல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்புகள் கொடுக்ககபட்டிருக்கின்றன என்றும் 85 ஷெட்யூல் வகுப்பினர்களுக்கும் 8 பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பினர்களுக்கும் ரெஸிடென்ஷியல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்கள் சொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்றும் தெரிகிறது. அவைகளெல்லாம் பிரஸ்தாப ஆண்டில் புதியதாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டனவா அல்லது 'ரெனியூவல்' செய்து கொள்ளப்பட்டனவா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" புதிதாகக் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்புகளாகத்தான் இருக்கவேண்டும். எண்ணிக்கை மிகக் குறைவாக இருப்பதினால்."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 1079 infra.

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" எனக்குத் தெரிந்தவரையில் அவைகள் ரெனியூவல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்புகளாகத்தான் இருக்கவேண்டும். வரும் ஆண்டுகளிலாவது தேவையான பணத்தை ஒதுக்கி அதிகமான பேர்களுக்கு ரெஸிடென்ஷியல் ஸ்காலர்ஷ்ப்புகளும், நான்-ரெஸிடென்ஷியல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்புகளும் கொடுப்பதற்கு அமைச்சரவர்கள் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" அங்கத்தினர் நினைப்பதை வைத்துக்கொண்டு நான் பதில் சொல்லமுடியாது. உண்மை என்னவென்பதைத் தெரிந்துகொண்டுதான் பதில் சொலல முடியும். நான்-ரெஸிடென்ஷியல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்புகளை ரெஸிடென்ஷியல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்புகளாக மாற்றுவதற்கு சில விதிகள் இருக்கின்றன."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, students belonging to the Backward classes have been refused scholarships in the first year of their course of study for some reason or other, like want of finance or late submission of the application by the Principal (not by the students); all this leads to the refusal of scholarships in the first year. In the second year of the course, when the boy attempts to get scholarship, he is refused on the ground that he has been refused the first year, which was due to Government's slender finances and late submission of applications by the Principals of the Colleges. Will the Hon. Minister scrutinise such applications and render justice to such applicants? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I do not think that there is a large number of cases as suggested by the hon. Member. There may be one or two instances where owing to certain reasons there would have been some delay in the forwarding of the applications by the Heads of Institutions. But for every student that applies, Government cannot guarantee that scholarship would be granted, because the amount is limited. We will see that instructions are issued to the Heads of Institutions to forward the applications in time. And if there are cases where there has been some delay, I will certainly go into the matter, if they are brought to the notice of the Government."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Sir, from the statement laid on the table of the House, I find that nearly 14 thousand and odd non-residential scholarships have been granted to Harijan students studying in elementary and secondary schools. There is no school fees for these Harijan students. Therefore, I wish to know whether the non-residential scholarships are intended for purchase of books, clothes, etc., or for any other purpose."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, it includes all the necessary things, including books, etc."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" It appears that a student studying in either the second year of the Intermediate course or the final year of the B.A. class, is not given the Harijan scholarships. May I know whether there is any valid objection for not giving scholarships of this kind to those persons? If not, why not the applications of these persons considered? "

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The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, ordinarily the first year boy gets the scholarship both in the Intermediate and in the first year of B.A., i.e., third class of the College course. If for any reason they are denied, deserving cases are considered and scholarship granted. But, such cases are very rare."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, there are cases where students apply for residential scholarships, but are granted only non-residential scholarships; then if they apply for conversion of the non-residential into residential scholarship, they are refused. For instance, this year many deserving and very poor students applied for residential scholarships, but were granted non-residential scholarships. But cases where applications were kept pending were granted residential scholarships afterwards. So the boys who were granted first on residential applications were granted non-residential scholarships and those who were given later were granted residential scholarships. Will the Government consider these cases and see that applications for residential scholarships are granted residential scholarships and those for non-residential scholarships are granted non-residential scholarships? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" If it is a case of renewal, there would have been no difficulty. But in new cases, the number of scholarships are limited and we have also got to take into consideration the progress of the student."

Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" ஜாதி வித்தியாச மனப்பான்மையானது ஆண்களைவிட பெண்களிடம்தான் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. ஹரிஜனங்களல்லாதார் வீட்டுப் பெண்களுக்குப் பிரசவ காலங்களில் மருத்துவம் செய்வதற்கு ஹரிஜனப் பெண்களையே அனுப்பினால் சமூகத்திலுள்ள ஜாதி வித்தியாச மனப்பாமை ஒழிவதற்கு சௌகரியமாக இருக்கும். மேஜையின்மேல் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் ரிபோர்ட்டிலிருந்து 73 ஹரிஜனப் பெண்களுக்குத்தான் மருத்துவப் பயிற்சி பெறுவதற்கு ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்புகள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகத் தெரிகிறது. எத்தனை ஹரிஜனப் பெண்கள் ' Midwifery training course '-க்கு சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்படவேண்டுமென்று விண்ணப்பித்துக்கொண்டார்கள், ஏன் 73 பேர்களுக்குத்தான் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்புகள் வழங்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றனவென்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" எத்தனை ஹரிஜனப் பெண்கள் மருத்துவப் பயிற்சியில் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்படவேண்டுமென்று விண்ணப்பித்துக்கொண்டார்கள் என்று தெரியவேண்டுமானால் தனிக் கேள்வி போட்டால் அதைத் தெரிவிக்க முயற்சிக்கின்றேன்."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, now we are at the fag end of the academic year. Still, there is an amount of Rs. 25 thousands available for grant of scholarships with the Director of Harijan Welfare for the Backward classes and Harijan community students. I find a lot of students are hanging about the office of the Director to find out what happened to their applications—whether they are going to be granted or whether they are going to be refused. Now, it is the time of examinations and they have to attend to the examinations. Thus, they are very much handicapped and they are not in a position to concentrate on their examinations. Why should

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there be a balance and why should it be carried over from this year to the next year? Why not the entire allotment be disbursed completely this year and leave not even a pie as balance?" (The Hon. Finance Minister: 'Let him put it as a question.')

MR. SPEAKER:—"Please put it in the form of a question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—"Yes, Sir, I am coming to that. I am putting all this in parenthesis. (Laughter.) Whereas there is an amount of Rs. 25 thousand still available, whereas so many students are waiting in the office of the Director to find out what happened to their applications, whereas this being examination time (laughter) the students are much handicapped, will the Hon. Minister institute an enquiry into this matter and see that something is done finally to their applications?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"Sir, an additional allotment of Rs. 50,000 was sanctioned recently to grant scholarships to such of those students who were not granted when the original grant was made. Further, in addition to this Rs. 50,000, Government were able to utilize about Rs. 9,000 which the Government were able to get back as surrender from those students who got not only Government of Madras scholarships, but also Government of India scholarships. Thus, nearly Rs. 60,000 has been distributed to various students and there is not a single pie now remaining with the Director of Harijan Welfare for distribution as scholarships."

8-50 a.m. SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM:—"Sir, residential scholarships are generally given to students who are admitted to hostels. But now we find that certain residential scholarships are given only towards the end of the year and some times many students are unable to get them. The result is that hardships are caused to poor parents who have admitted them in the hope that they would be given scholarships. Therefore, will the Government take this aspect of the matter into consideration and see that full scholarship is given within three months from the opening of schools or colleges?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"I have already stated that arrangements would be made to see that scholarships are granted before the first quarter. But with regard to the other part of the question, viz., that the students have joined in anticipation of the grant of residential scholarship, I may assure the hon. Member that we did not give any assurance as such. We have given to such of those students who were expecting scholarships non-residential scholarships."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR:—"Sir, is it a fact that very many Kallar students have not been granted scholarships."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"Special consideration is shown to Kallar students."